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Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
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Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Council Member
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Gwendolyn W. Mason, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Solid Waste
Code Amendments

Background:

The City's ongoing effort to improve the appearance of our public rights-of-way through code enforcement creates the need to amend the solid waste management provisions in the City Code (Chapter 14.1). Our City's new Uniform Code Violation program can be further enhanced through certain ordinance changes, including utilization of a new law enacted by the State. Other needed changes that have been identified from daily experience in Solid Waste Management operations are also included as part of this recommendation. A summary is attached that outlines these ordinance changes.

Recommended action:

Adopt the ordinance attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,


Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

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Attachment

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance

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Changes to 14.1-22

Section 14.1-1 *Definitions*: Updated to add, delete and improve understanding of terms.

Section 14.1-3 *Littering*: Amended to streamline the notification of owner or occupant where solid waste violation is identified in public right-of-way.

Section 14.1-4 *When bulk containers required*: Deleted. Bulk container service not provided. Maximum container requirements for City collection will be addressed through Section 14.1-15.

Section 14.1-15 *General container requirements*: Amended to clarify use of recycling containers; set weight limits for automated containers; eliminate free additional automated containers for large households; establish limits on number of automated containers to be serviced; and require automated containers to remain at assigned address.

Section 14.1-16 *Placement for collection generally*: Amended to have solid waste placed in front of property, not in front of adjoining property; eases application process for physically challenged customers; and eliminates references to former private property service.

Section 14.1-17 *Placement of brush, bulk brush and lawn rakings for collection*: Amended to require the bagging of grass clippings, hedge trimmings and leaves (except for leaves raked to curb for loose leaf collection program).

Section 14.1-19 *Collection in Central Business District*: Amended to clarify placement and use of various solid waste containers by all establishments in central business district.

Section 14.1-21 *Certain solid waste not to be collected – generally*: Amended to add other items not appropriate for collection by the City.

Section 14.1-22 *Same – Brush*: Amended to clarify that brush cut for a fee is not to be collected by the City.

Section 14.1-23 *Placement and collection of bulk items and brush*: Amended to clarify limitation of bulk and brush collection to only those with automated container service; delete reference to separate Christmas tree collection service; clarify limits for amount of bulk and brush; clarify limits on number of free loads for homeowner disposal at transfer station; and prohibit City collection of bulk trash resulting from contracted work.

Section 14.1-24 *Violation – Civil Penalty*: Added to establish process through which persons are subject to a civil penalty of \$25 for violation of “time of placement” requirements for solid waste containers.

Section 14.1-44 *Rate regulation; submission of rate schedules*: Deleted as regulation of rates for bulk container service has not been required, nor has there been an identified need to monitor such rate schedules.

Section 14.1-55 *Notice to remove*: Amended to streamline notification of owner or occupant where solid waste violation is identified on private property.